

May 1, 1975

The Oconee County Council held their regular meeting at the Mt. Rest Community Center. The meeting was opened with prayer. Chairman Bailes gave a brief description of the duties and function of the Council.

Mr. L. J. Williams of Williams & Son Architect Firm gave a short discussion of how his firm proposed to handle the building of a new jail on a lease contract, with architects using local builders. No action was taken.

Mr. T. S. Hunnicutt and Mr. Tucker requested Council to consider straightening their road in the Ebenezer Community. Council asked Mr. Hunnicutt to first obtain necessary right-of-ways from both Duke Power and Ralph McKee, but no definite action was taken.

Council unanimously approved Resolution 75-5 regarding flood insurance. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Moore with a second from Mr. Herring. This resolution was presented to Council by Dick Plyler of the Planning Commission.

Richard Lay reported that the Federal Funds would pay 90% toward the Salaries for record keeping clerks in the Sheriff's Department Federal Funds amounting to \$18,608.00, State Funds \$1,034.00 and County \$1,034.00.

Upon a motion by Robert Ramey seconded by Harold Thomas, County pay checks for salaries will be issued on the 25th of each month. There was some discussion from Mrs. Peacock from the Health Department as to this date not being convenient for her, because of

being a State employee, she has to pay her insurance by the 24th. Council agreed to look into this. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Robert Ramey moved the following be named to the Board of Assessment Appeals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Ken Matheson, Long Creek	July 31, 1975
John Brock, Walhalla	July 31, 1975
Larry Forrester, Seneca	July 31, 1975
Eugene Edney, Salem	Dec. 31, 1976
Robert Robins, Mt. Rest	Dec. 31, 1976
Rex Blanton, Seneca	Dec. 31, 1976
Jim Spearman, Westminster	Dec. 31, 1977
Don Richardson, Fair Play	Dec. 31, 1977
Charlotte Holmes, Seneca	Dec. 31, 1977

This was seconded by Mr. Moore. All members voted in favor. Mr. Ramey proposed to pay the Board of Appeals members \$25.00 per day plus mileage. This motion received a second from Mr. Thomas. There was no discussion and all members voted yes.

Bill Craig of the Forest Service showed a film of the U. S. Forest in Oconee, including the Chattooga River. There was discussion by local residents and Council. Some of the residents feel that outsiders have more or less moved in and taken over the river from local residents.

Councilman Moore discussed the Chauga Unit with reference to pending legislation regarding Chauga River restrictions. He also left a partition for local residents to sign opposing this legislation.

Ben Vissage requested the Verner Mill bridge be finished and more work needs to be done on the Mountain roads. Councilman Moore told Mr. Vissage he would talk to Supervisor Phinney about it.

Mr. Ramey read a partition with 80 signatures he had from local families requesting at least two green boxes be placed at the Community Club. A resident in the audience stated that at the Community Club meeting they voted not to let the boxes be placed there.

A motion was made by Mr. Ramey, seconded by Mr. Herring to authorize a request from PRT for \$12,000.00 for summer help. All members voted in favor.

The School Bond Ordinance received 3rd reading and was approved upon a motion by Mr. Ramey, seconded by Mr. Thomas. All were yes votes.

Council agreed to look at the road problem Mr. Paul Marcengill has at Timberlake #3.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Herring to take no action on the request for gravel from James Campbell and Ernest Alexander at Southern Meadows Subdivision until a county policy can be adopted for situations such as this. All Council members were in favor.

Mr. Herring reported that the bid had been awarded to Baumgarner Builders for the basement renovation and communications building. Two people have been hired as cooks at the jail through the Manpower Program.

Mr. Thomas discussed meeting with the Association of Counties. Oconee is not a member and he has invited him to the May 15th meeting to discuss this organization.

All members voted yes to a motion by Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Ramey to get bids for Bonds and Insurance to Oconee County Agencies.

Councilman Thomas moved not to purchase an ad in the State Service paper. This received a second from Mr. Ramey, all members voted favorably.

Mr. Thomas also moved to furnish Mrs. Loudermilk, mail clerk, with a petty cash fund of \$5.00 for postage due and registered mail. This move was seconded by Mr. Herring. All members in favor.

A motion was entered by Councilman Thomas, seconded by Mr. Herring to sign a service contract with Pitney Bowes for \$139.00 per year for maintenance of the postage machine. All members voted yes.

It was decided to discuss with the County Attorney the transferring of money to supplement some accounts that are out of money now. They are: Camp - \$10,000.00; Public Buildings - \$9,000.00; Bond Account - \$1,000.00 and Registration Board - \$500.00.

Resolution 75-6 received 2nd reading and was adopted upon a motion by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Ramey and was unanimously approved. (This resolution pertains to furnishing emergency medical and dental care for prisoners.)

Council unanimously agreed to furnish up to \$25.00 for stationary and postage for the Bi-Centennial. This was requested by Pastor Shealy. The motion to do this was made by Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Herring.

It was brought out that 13 budget requests have been approved so far.

Council agreed to pay \$450.00 expenses for Mr. Ramey to go to Boston to the meeting of the Regional Council of Governments. This motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Herring.

Councilman Ramey moved the meeting be adjourned and Mr. Moore seconded the move.